

1 look upon a constituent assembly chosen for the specific  
2 purpose of making a Constitution as an expression of basic  
3 sovereignty.

4 The making of a modern Constitution is a  
5 difficult process, the more so when we seek agreement upon  
6 the complex issues of modern society in a popularly  
7 elected assembly such as yours.

8 The course of your work will undoubtedly be  
9 trying. It will test your capacity for statesmanship.  
10 It is part of our tradition, however, and a valuable  
11 tradition it is, that when we revert to fundamentals in  
12 government, we look to the highest form of representative  
13 democracy as well as the ultimate consent of the governed,  
14 expressed through the process of free elections.

15 I am sure that your fellow citizens expect a  
16 great work from you. While your state has lived under  
17 its present Constitution, I am told, for a considerable  
18 period of time, I know from my own experience they are not  
19 looking for something better, not changed for the purpose  
20 of change alone, but changed for the purpose of bringing  
21 your fundamental doctrine in line with modern society